

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 61

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3 BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO ADD GAMBLING DEPENDENCE TO THE DEFINITION OF
6 "ADDICTION" FOR PURPOSES OF ADDICTION COUNSELOR LICENSURE LAWS; AND AMENDING
7 SECTION 37-35-102, MCA."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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11 **Section 1.** Section 37-35-102, MCA, is amended to read:

12 **"37-35-102. Definitions.** As used in this chapter, the following definitions apply:

13 (1) "Accredited college or university" means a college or university accredited by a regional or national
14 accrediting association for institutions of higher learning.

15 (2) "Addiction" means the condition or state in which an individual is physiologically or psychologically
16 dependent upon alcohol or other drugs or gambling. The term includes chemical dependency as defined in
17 53-24-103.

18 (3) "Department" means the department of labor and industry provided for in 2-15-1701.

19 (4) "Licensed addiction counselor" means a person who has the knowledge and skill necessary to
20 provide the therapeutic process of addiction counseling and who is licensed under the provisions of this chapter."

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